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TOP RANK INCORPORATED; POSSIBLE BRIBERY OF LEON SPINKS - MUHAMMAD  
ALI FIGHT, SPORTS BRIBERY, OO: NO.

FOR INFORMATION OF FBIHQ, ON SEPT. 5, 1978, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C., REPORTED THAT DURING  
CONVERSATION WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MADE STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT HE THINKS SPINKS MAY  
HAVE BEEN OFFERED SOMETHING NOT TO WIN THE NEXT FIGHT. SPINKS  
AND HIS ASSOCIATES SPENT SEVERAL WEEKS AT HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C.,  
AROUND JUNE 1978, DURING WHICH TIME [REDACTED] BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH

[REDACTED] BECAME FAIRLY GOOD FRIENDS WITH [REDACTED] AND HAD  
OCCASION TO SOCIALIZE WITH HIM SEVERAL TIMES.

ON SEPT. 5, 1978, [REDACTED] TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED [REDACTED] AT  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, AT WHICH TIME [REDACTED] REITERATED THAT TOP

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RANK INCORPORATED IS TRYING TO INFLUENCE SPINKS TO LOSE THE UPCOMMING HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT. [ ] AGREED TO SPEAK TO THE FBI AT NEW ORLEANS WHERE HE WILL ARRIVE ON THE EVENING OF SEPT. 5, 1978. [ ] IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE AT NEW ORLEANS AT APPROXIMATELY 7:30 P.M., AND WILL BE STAYING AT THE DOWNTOWN HILTON.

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NEW ORLEANS HAS BEEN ADVISED SEPERATELY TO DISCREETLY CONTACT [ ] TO ASCERTAIN FULL DETAILS CONCERNING HIS ALLEGATIONS THAT TOP RANK INCORPORATED IS ATTEMPTING TO INFLUENCE OUTCOME OF CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT.

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RE COLUMBIA TEL, SEPT. 5, 1978, AND NEW ORLEANS TELCALL TO  
BUREAU, SEPT. 6, 1978.

ON SEPT. 6, 1978, [REDACTED] AKA., [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] FOR LAST TEN YEARS, WAS INTERVIEWED  
AT NEW ORLEANS AND FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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[redacted]  
[redacted] advised he overheard in a conversation between [redacted]  
[redacted] Top Rank, Inc., [redacted] and  
[redacted] that they planned to  
induce Muhammad Ali to throw the 2/15/78 fight with  
Spinks as well as a possibility of inducing Spinks to  
throw a subsequent rematch with Ali. [redacted] further  
stated that Spinks is supposedly scheduled to throw  
the fight on 9/15/78. [redacted] refused to take a poly-  
graph examination until after the fight and he observes  
whether or not, in his opinion, Spinks throws the  
fight.

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[REDACTED] TOP RANK, INC., 450 PARK AVE.,  
NEW YORK CITY, HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING TO HAVE [REDACTED] REMOVED  
AS [REDACTED] FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR.

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ON NOV. 18, 1977, AT LAS VEGAS, NEV., IN LOBBY OF  
HILTON HOTEL, [REDACTED] CLAIMS TO HAVE OVERHEARD A CONVERSATION  
BETWEEN [REDACTED] TOP RANK, INC., AND [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
CONVERSATION CENTERED AROUND PLANS BY THEM TO INDUCE  
MUHAMMAD ALI TO THROW FEB. 15, 1978 FIGHT WITH SPINKS, AS  
WELL AS FURTHER POSSIBILITY OF INDUCING SPINKS TO THROW  
SUBSEQUENT REMATCH WITH ALI.

TEN DAYS LATER AT ST. LOUIS, MO., [REDACTED] WROTE HIS RE-  
COLLECTION OF THIS CONVERSATION ON TWO SHEETS OF PAPER, AND  
HAD IT WITNESSED BY FOUR EMPLOYEES OF TEAMSTER UNION LOCAL  
NO. 600 OFFICE AND SEALED PAGES IN AN ENVELOPE. WITNESSES  
WERE [REDACTED] (LNU) [REDACTED] (LNU).  
ENVELOPE WAS THEN ALLEGEDLY GIVEN TO [REDACTED] WHO REPORTEDLY

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PLACED IT IN AN UNKNOWN BANK VAULT AT ST. LOUIS.

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[ ] CLAIMS THAT ALL OF INFORMATION DISCUSSED IN CONVERSATION AT LAS VEGAS HAS COME TO PASS EXCEPT LOSS OF FIGHT BY SPINKS ON SEPT. 15, 1978, AT NEW ORLEANS.

[ ] STATED IF SPINKS DOES IN FACT LOSE FIGHT, HE IS WILLING TO CONFRONT [ ] AND SPINKS AND/OR OTHERS CONCERNING ALLEGED CONVERSATION AT LAS VEGAS. [ ] IS WILLING TO WEAR A BODY RECORDER AND/OR TRANSMITTER DURING THESE CONFRONTATIONS.

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[ ] STATED HIS WILLINGNESS TO TAKE POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION ON SEPT. 8, 1978. HOWEVER, ON SEPT. 8, 1978, [ ] ADVISED ON THE ADVICE OF [ ]

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[ ] OF ST. LOUIS, MO., HE WOULD NOT SUBMIT TO A POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION UNTIL AFTER THE FIGHT. HE ADDED HE WOULD ONLY DO IT THEN IF SPINKS LOSES AND IF HE BELIEVES SPINKS THREW THE FIGHT.

COPIES BEING FURNISHED COLUMBIA, ST. LOUIS AND NEW YORK IN VIEW OF POSSIBLE INVESTIGATION IN THOSE DIVISIONS AT A LATER DATE.

NEW ORLEANS WILL NOT CONDUCT ANY INVESTIGATION IN THIS MATTER UNTIL AFTER SEPT. 15, 1978.

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RE NEW ORLEANS TEL TO BUREAU, SEPT. 8, 1978

FOR INFORMATION OF FBIHQ AND RECEIVING OFFICES,

[REDACTED] WHO IS COMPLAINANT IN CAPTIONED MATTER, HAS NOT YET  
CONTACTED THE NEW ORLEANS FBI OFFICE. EFFORTS TO CONTACT HIM  
TELEPHONICALLY AT ST. LOUIS ON SEPT. 18 AND 19, 1978, HAVE BEEN  
NEGATIVE.

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ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE FURNISHED TO FBIHQ AND  
OTHER OFFICES.

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